GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCEDURE FOR RENEWING PASSPORTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian citizens living abroad face various difficulties in getting their passports renewed and getting fresh passport in the event of loss of the same ;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard ;

(c) the assistance provided by Indian Missions abroad in such cases ; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to mitigate the said difficulties ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) No Sir. Indian citizens living abroad do not face difficulties in getting their passports renewed or obtaining duplicate passports in the event of loss/damage of their previous passports if they provide correct information and if there is nothing adverse against them in the records.

(b),(c)&(d) All possible assistance, including seeking of confirmation from the passport issuing authority in India leading to timely issuance of fresh passport against expired/loss passport, is provided by the Indian Mission/Post abroad. In case of an emergency, a short Validity Passport/Emergency Certificate is issued immediately to the Indian national to tide over the crisis.